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New Acorn tennis coach

ACORN Tennis Club have announced Steve Quaynor as their new coach. He has an excellent pedigree coaching ten juniors into the IFT world rankings. Quaynor, who was ranked number one under-18 player in the Caribbean, will be running junior teams and tournaments at the Canons Park based tennis club. For more information contact chairman Stephen Phillips on 0208 952 4389.

Tigers win in Vase thriller

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS edged past Takeley 5-4 after extra-time in an FA Vase thriller on Saturday. After falling behind the Tigers led through a Rehia Osagie brace. Renars Zarchenko scored but Takeley made it 3-3 after full time. Zarchenko restored their lead before they were pegged back but he completed his hat-trick for the win.

Middlesex still hold title hopes

MIDDLESEX finished their Pro 40 Division Two campaign with a 78-run win over Northants. The side are top and will win the title if Lancashire defeat Warwickshire on Sunday. Gareth Berg took three for 18 as Northants were out for 142 chasing Middlesex's total of 220 for eight.

Waltham win sends **Stones third**

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WEALDSTONE underlined their promotion credentials after a 2-1 win at Waltham Abbey on Tuesday night sent them third in the Ryman Premier

Goals from Charlie Mpi and in-form striker Greg Ngoyi were enough to hand the Stones their second win of the week.

Wealdstone had no problems on Saturday as they cruised to a 4-0 win at home to basement club Bognor Regis Town.

It took only four minutes for the Stones to open the scoring with James Gray heading the ball home. Within minutes Wealdstone had struck again when Kieron Forbes' effort was parried and Ngoyi pounced to smash in the rebound.

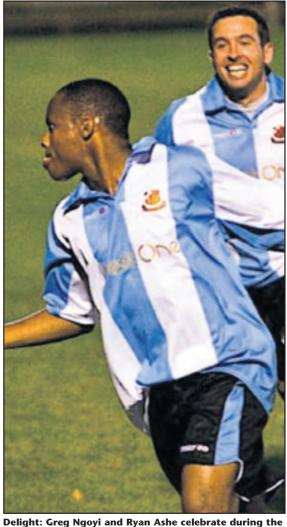
Wealdstone extended their lead 11 minutes after the restart as Ngoyi burst clear of the defence and lashed an effort past the goalkeeper. With three goals in the last week the striker has answered Gordon Bartlett's plea for better form from his front line.

It was one-way traffic and the final goal came five minutes from time when Ryan Ashe drove the ball into the net. The win extended their unbeaten league run to seven matches.

The Stones will go into their FA Cup tie at Boreham Wood on Saturday having already tasted success at Meadow Park this season after picking up a 1-0 win last

month courtesy of Ashe's penalty.

Manager Bartlett said: "It will be a difficult tie because they are a decent side. We have got to be at our best but we're desperate for a cup run. It would be a massive financial boost for the club and my record in the competition isn't good, so I want to put that right.



2-1 win at Waltham Abbey.
Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Clarke goal joy for Boro

HARROW BOROUGH manager David Howell was pleased with his side after a "good all-round performance" saw them defeat Billericay 1-0 on Tuesday night.

Dewayne Clarke netted the winner

at Earlsmead after just seven minutes when he climbed to head in Jonathan Constant's free-kick.

Howell was very happy with the display and felt his team could have won by more goals.

The Boro manager said: "It was a good result and a good performance. In the first half we dominated and had plenty of chances but only took one. While it was 1-0 there was no guarantee we could keep control of the game and it made for entertaining

viewing.
"We played so well and I was still confident we would get the result even with a close scoreline.

The only setback from the match came in the dying seconds when league debutant goalkeeper John Armand suffered a broken finger which could keep him out for up to six weeks.

Howell said: "His kicking was putting Billericay under all sorts of pressure. It was a blow with his injury because he played really well."

The victory was a welcome response after Boro suffered a frustrating 2-1 defeat at AFC Hornchurch on Saturday. Howell was fuming after the referee's late arrival forced the kick-off back until 3.30pm.

And things did not get any better on the pitch as the visitors found themselves 2-0 down midway through the second half. Clarke struck a late penalty but it was not enough to prevent the side from their third defeat.







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